

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RETRENCHMENT OF EMPLOYEES
SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any shortage of employees in the railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the World Bank has suggested his ministry to retrench four lakhs of its employees;
- (d) if so, the reasons put forth by the World Bank in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government have analysed those reasons; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) & (b) Railways have been adopting modern technology in various facets of railway working e.g. abolition of steam traction, modern track structure and signalling system, improved operating practice, etc. This leads to reduced requirement of manpower in certain activities while needing manpower in newer areas and thus necessitating retraining, re-deployment and recruitment.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.